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Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of:

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entitled: STARTING APPARATUS, STARTING METHOD, CONTROL METHOD AND EXHAUST FILTRATION APPARATUS OF INTERNAL COMBUSTION ENGINE

Enclosed are:

- 1. Specification, including $\underline{10}$ claims and Abstract of the Disclosure ($\underline{61}$ pages).
- 2. <u>10</u> Sheets of Formal drawings showing Figs. 1, 2a-2h, 3a-3g, 3h1-3h3, 3i-3j, 4a-4g, 5-6, 7a-7j, 8-9, 10a-10h, 11, and 12a-12b.
- 3. Declaration and Power of Attorney (executed).
- 4. Preliminary Amendment (22 pages).
- 5. Certified copy of Priority Document 2002-209909 filed in Japan on July 18, 2002, the priority of which is being claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119 and 37 C.F.R. §1.55.
- 6. Information Disclosure Statement & Form PTO-1449 with 2 references.
- 7. Assignment of the invention to <u>HITACHI</u>, <u>LTD</u>. <u>AND HITACHI</u> CAR <u>ENGINEERING CO.</u>, <u>LTD</u>.
- 8. The filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

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